



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

March 8, 2012

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center. Free refreshments!

Every Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00pm - T.E.A. Time (Thursday English Afternoons). Join us in the Writing Center (LA200) to practice your English skills.

Every Friday, noon to 1:00pm - Wisdom Café in the Student Diversity Center. *(See below for details)*

March 11th, 2:00 am: Beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

March 13th, 1:30 pm: OPT Workshop in the Student Diversity Center. (See page 2 for details)

March 14th, 3:00 pm: Food, Song & Dance Festival planning meeting in the SDC.

March 17th, 6:00pm - International Food, Song & Dance Festival

Student Spotlight

By: Cindy Fernandez

Alex Diallo is an international exchange student from Paris, France. His major is Electrical Engineering. Alex is in Boise State University because he applied to an American-European Exchange in engineering program to study in the United States. His favorite thing about Boise is the people. Alex said that before coming to Boise he had heard that Idaho had a reputation for having nice and friendly people. He says that coming from a big city the contrast of how nice and welcoming everyone has been here in Boise has struck him and he will never forget it. Some of Alex's hobbies are going to the REC center, teaching the French conversation lab and traveling around the US with other exchange students. The two things that Alex misses the most from France are the food and the wine. Besides French and English, Alex is also fluent in Spanish. Something funny that happened to Alex when he first arrived to the United States was experiencing the difference in portions for a meal. He went to Papa Joe's after he landed in Idaho and when he ordered a "normal" size pizza he was shocked that they brought a pizza that would be considered extra large in France. He was also confused but pleased to learn the concept of the "doggy bag" and taking the food that you didn't finish home.



Volunteers needed for the International Food, Song and Dance Festival Saturday, March 17, 2012.

As the purpose of this event is to promote a multicultural international fostering environment for BSU students and Boise residents, ISA would like to extend an invitation to all students to be a part of this awesome event. The festival will feature an exhibit where clubs and ethnic groups present their unique cultures (5:00-5:55pm) and a dinner where international students, volunteers, clubs and ethnic groups serve international cuisine and entertainment, including singing, dancing, fashion show, talent show, acting, etc.(6:00-8:30pm)

We are looking for volunteers who have had first-hand experience with international cultures and would like to present their fantastic knowledge and experience, via posters, presentations, personal stories, etc. at the festival. Volunteers needed for other tasks too.

Add your name to our volunteer sign-up sheet by emailing Danh Nguyen, Festival Coordinator, at DanhNguyen@u.boisestate.edu

Free Consultations with an Immigration Attorney

ASBSU has contracted Angela Levesque, a local immigration attorney, to offer you a free 30 minute consultation. If you wish to meet with the attorney, you will need a referral from ISS. Make an appointment with Christy Babcock to discuss your immigration concern. If the concern is beyond Christy's scope of immigration knowledge, she will give you a referral to meet with the attorney.



The Student Diversity Center's ~Wisdom Café~

When: noon to one pm...Fridays. **Where:** The Student Diversity Center.

What: exploring wisdom passages, spiritual identity development and spiritual journey from multiple world views

Why: Follow your bliss and the universe will open doors where there were only walls.~ Joseph Campbell



Staff Spotlight

By: Kumi Takashima

Francisco Salinas was born and raised in Washington. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Political Science in the University of Washington. He has been with BSU since Fall 2008. Francisco is Christy's boss! Francisco has been to Mexico and Canada. He has always wanted to study abroad and wishes that he had

but he was really busy supporting his family when he was a student. Francisco would love to visit Europe, especially Ireland and Italy because he is very interested in the culture. He would like to go to Japan, Korea and Africa. When he was studying in the university he was extremely busy. He had

three jobs, one of them which included drawing cartoons for school papers. His favorite class when he was in the university was Chicano Studies, he said it was a small class and the professor was very compelling. It made him see things from a different perspective. Francisco is a Political Science major. He decided to major in this because he was interested in becoming a lawyer and

after he did some job shadowing he realized that it wasn't the job that he wanted. His emphasis was Chicano Identity for his Bachelor's and African American and Chicano Political Theory for his Master's. Francisco started working as a Teaching Assistant in 1993 for the Political Science Department at the University of Washington. Then in 1997, he received a full-time position as Assistant Director/Multicultural Outreach Coordinator in the

Office of New Student Services at the University of Idaho, which he did recruitment of underrepresented population. He decided to enter this field because he loves education, students and educators. He says that education

meant a lot in his family. He believes education attracts the best part of humanity, he believes that students are precious people that need to be treated with love and sensitivity, and educators are amazing people. He said that he felt belongingness for the first time in his life when he went on to a university. In his spare time, Francisco likes to listen to music and go to the

record store. He also likes working out. He has been practicing Taekwondo for a year. He is also pretty good at playing table soccer. His favorite books are: an Autobiography of Brown Buffalo, Sister Outsider, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, and Sandra Cisneros' books. Francisco's favorite movies are: Apocalypse Now, Dr. Strangelove, Little Big Man, the Big Lebowski, Marx Brothers' movies, and Mel Brooks' movies. He wants to

tell all international students at Boise State that: "It's a gift to serve international students and I'm privileged to work with Christy, Merrillou, and student workers. This University belongs to students and your voice matters. Let us know how we can help you!"



Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. If you are graduating this semester and are interested in applying for OPT, you **must** attend an OPT Workshop.

March 13, 1:30 to 3:00pm, in the Student Diversity Center

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$380.00 payable to CIS. **Please email Christy or Merrillou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.**



Job Opportunities

ONLY 4 DAYS LEFT TO APPLY FOR STUDENT ASSISTANT POSITIONS!
Applications for Student Involvement Programming and Marketing Assistant Positions are due THIS SUNDAY!

Interested? Fill out your application online now

Positions Available:

- **Marketing Assistant** – The Student Involvement Marketing Assistant works with a team of students and staff to plan, manage, implement, and evaluate the marketing for all Student Involvement programs and events.
- **Programming Assistant** – Student Involvement Programming Assistants work together with the support of Student Involvement staff to plan, market, implement, and evaluate a variety of events for the Boise State community. Possible programming opportunities focus on but are not limited to concerts, films, annual events, guest speakers, family friendly, and events that promote civic engagement.

Applications and descriptions available online now:

Programming Assistant <https://orgsync.com/23254/forms/show/45361>

Marketing Coordinator <https://orgsync.com/23254/forms/show/45762>

Applications are due by Sunday, March 11, 2012, by 11:59pm

Questions? Contact Alex Johnson (spbmarketing@boisestate.edu) or come visit us in the Student Involvement & Leadership Center.



The Women's Center is currently hiring five student staff members for the 2012-2013 academic year! Students may apply to be either a Healthy Relationship or Gender Equity Peer Educator.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Be part of a team of student leaders
- Research, design, present, and implement trainings
- Create and host co-sponsored events
- Earn optional internship credit

All peer educator positions work 16 hours per week and pay \$8.25 per hour. For complete job descriptions and to download an application please visit BroncoJobs or womenscenter.boisestate.edu.

Applications due to the Women's Center by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14

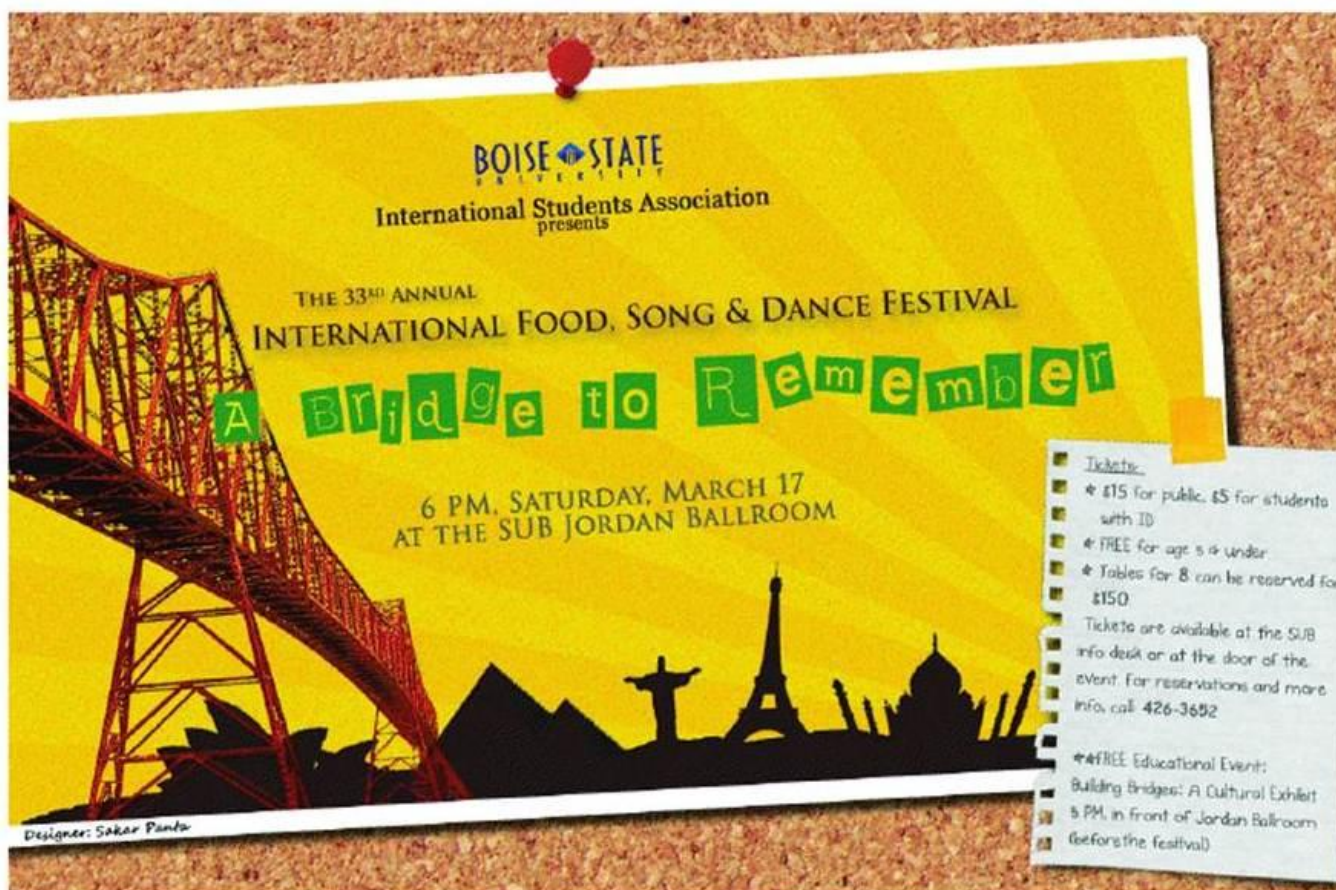
IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!!!! Continuing International Student Scholarships

Continuing International Student Scholarships waive the entire non-resident portion of tuition and fees for continuing international students for up to one academic year. To be considered you must meet the following qualifications:

- You must have successfully completed (by the end of the current semester) one year (two semesters and a minimum of 24 credits) of full-time coursework at Boise State University. Courses that are repeated within the same academic year do not count towards meeting the credit completion requirement.
- You must be on an F-1 student visa.
- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- You must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree at Boise State.
- Recipients cannot major in over enrolled programs; these currently include nursing, pre-nursing, radiologic sciences or pre-radiologic sciences. Programs are subject to change.
- Self-supported online programs are also closed to nonresident tuition waiver eligibility.
- You must not have already been awarded a tuition fee waiver for the 2012-13 academic year.

Deadline to submit the [Continuing International Student Tuition Waiver Scholarship Application](#) is **April 15th, 2012**.

(Ctrl + click to follow the link)



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